

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 8-18 are pending in the present application. Claims 2 and 18 have been amended, and no claims have been added or cancelled. Claim 2 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Claim 18 has been amended to more particularly point out that which applicants regard as the invention. No issue of new matter is raised by these changes. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-5 and 8-18 will still be pending and under examination.

Examiner's Interviews

During an October 15, 2009 telephonic interview, and during a follow-up telephonic interview on October 22, 2009, it was agreed between Examiner Aulakh and applicants' undersigned attorney that the claims as amended herein will be in condition for allowance. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his time and consideration in that regard.

In view of the above, applicants maintain that the claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with this Supplemental Amendment. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412 in the amount of such fee.

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